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Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information as to the scale of charges prescribed for each unclaimed dead body for its cremation or burial as the case may be, belonging to (*a*) Brahmins, (*b*) Non-Brahmin Hindus for cremation, (*c*) Non-Brahmin Hindus for burial, (*d*) Mussalmans, (*e*) Christians, (*f*) and others, in hospitals and other places.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—The member's attention is invited to Government Order No. G. 18627-35—Police 118-18-2, dated the 26th February 1919 which prescribes Rs. 3—for the interment of paupers of caste Hindus, Mussalmans, Europeans, East Indians or Native Christians and Rs. 2-8-0 for all other castes. No distinction is drawn between burial and cremation. The amount is paid for the disposal of the body.

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Q.—48. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points regarding the "Syaidani Bi Darga" (Mokhbera) at Kolar (*a*) what was the annual grant sanctioned for the upkeep of this Darga in the year 1885 and what is it now? (*b*) what was the scale of establishment in the year 1885 and what is it now? (*c*) what were the other items of expenditure and the amount sanctioned for them in the year 1885 and what are they now including particulars with reference to "*urus*" and daily *lungur, i.e.*, distribution of cooked rice, etc.? (*d*) what is the amount available at the credit of the Darga? (*e*) what was the annual expenditure of Kannada and Hindustani Boys' Schools, which were abolished some time ago? (*f*) why were the services of Kannada and Hindustani teachers not dispensed with soon after the schools were abolished? (*g*) is it a fact that a some of Rs. 5 per month is spent out of Darga Funds for maintaining a so-called Hindustani Girls' School at Mokhbera in Kolar? (*h*) do the Government propose to stop this grant and open a Government Hindustani Girls' School in the Mokhbera where more than 100 girls are likely to attend school? (*i*) what is the pay of each of the three Muzavars employed in the Darga? when was the scale of their

pay fixed? (*j*) whether the working hours of 'Hafizes' have been prescribed? Is it not a fact that these Hafizes were required to read *koran* in the Darga Masjid till about 10 A.M., every morning and that for the past one year they have not been doing so? (*k*) who is the Government officer that is immediately in charge of the Darga? (*l*) whether any advisory committee of non-official members has been appointed? (*m*) what is the salary of the Nazim in whom the management of Darga is vested?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) A sum of Rs. 3,304-8-0 per annum was sanctioned for the Mokhbera under title-deed No. 65, dated 1st January 1874. It has since been supplemented by an average income of Rs. 70-8-0 being the realizations from the land forming the compound of the Darga, so that the present income is Rs. 3,375.

(*b*) The total cost of establishment including that of the Minor Masjids attached to it as also of the schools maintained out of its funds was Rs. 180-4-0 per mensem or Rs. 2,163-0-0 per annum and now it is Rs. 179-4-0 per mensem or Rs. 2,151-0-0 per annum.

(*c*) Government Order No. 511-13—M. F. 731-18-2, dated the 13th August 1919, furnishes the details both under previous and existing arrangements. A copy of the order is placed on the Table.

(*d*) Rs. 1,666-9-1 on 30th June 1923.

(*e*) Rs. 18-8-0 per mensem or Rs. 222-0-0 per annum.

(*f*) As a Koran Khan for reading the Koran was considered necessary, the thrown-out teacher who was qualified was employed as Koran Khan on the same pay. The Kannada teacher who was getting Rs. 6-8-0 was appointed as Assistant Mutsaddi to help the Mutsaddi in bringing the accounts up-to-date. These appointments are to be in force during the life-time of these two persons.

(*g*) Yes, a sum of Rs. 6 for the pay of the school mistress with a sum of Re. 0-8-0 towards contingencies is being spent every month.

(*h*) When a suitable Girls' School is opened by the Education Department, the question of stopping this grant from the Muzrai Department, will be considered.

(*i*) Rs. 3-8-0 each. One is to be eventually abolished and the other two given an enhanced pay, *viz.*, Rs. 5-4-0. They have to do duty by turns.

(*j*) The working time of the Hafizes is from 7 to 10 A.M. and in addition, they attend the Namaz service in the evening, in accordance with the authorised duty list of the year 1906. As regards the irregularity in their attendance, it is seen that about a year ago, one or two Hafizes were somewhat irregular for some time. But they have since been warned, and there is no complaint of any kind in this direction now.

(*k*) The Amildar of Kolar Taluk.

(*l* No.

(*m*) Rs. 20-0-0 per mensem.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.

Will the Government be pleased to state (*a*) the principle on which the list of Nehimidars is prepared, (*b*) whether such a list is not to include Mahomedans only and if so how some Hindu names also have come to be included in the list, and (*c*) whether Government will make enquiries how this came about?

Second Member of Council.

The answer to question (*a*) is that people who are absolutely poor should get some special allowances for eking a livelihood.

(*b*) It is not known how Hindu names have been included in the list.

(*c*) The proposal to institute enquiries is an altogether fresh subject and requires notice.